

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the instant application in view of the amendments, herein, and the following remarks:

The following claims are *pending*: 1, 2, 5-56, 58-77, 79 and 80-82.

The following claims are *independent*: 1-4, 19-21, 36-39, 54-58, 65-69, 74-79 and 81.

The following claims have previously been *withdrawn*: 3-4, 57 and 78.

Applicant submits there are **no amendments to the claims** by way of this Amendment, and the foregoing amendments to the specification have been made to correct minor informalities in the specification of the instant application. Specifically, Applicant has added information pertaining to related applications in the “Cross-Reference to Related Applications” section of the instant specification. Accordingly, Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by way of this Amendment.

Authorization

Applicant hereby authorizes and requests that the Commissioner charge any additional fees that may be required for consideration of this and/or any accompanying and/or necessary papers to Deposit Account No. 03-1240, Order No. 17246-003. In the event that an extension of time is required (or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time), Applicant requests that the Commissioner grant a petition for an extension of time required to make this response timely, and, Applicant hereby authorizes and requests that the Commissioner charge any fee or credit any overpayment for such an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 03-1240, Order No. 17246-003.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate examination of the application in any way, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

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